



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate prevention and preparedness measures are acted on before and after a life threatening event or a large scale disaster; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of natural or man-caused life threatening events and large scale disasters, and individual's and family's capacity to reduce the impact on life and property continues to be a national priority; and

WHEREAS, education, general awareness and concern are at the core of any preparedness and prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the threat of natural and man-caused life threatening events and large scale disasters are a national problem, and Idaho continues to experience hazardous material spills, severe weather, flooding, forest and range fires and seismic activity which poses a threat of earthquakes with damaging intensities; and

WHEREAS, preparedness and risk reduction planning will be a national priority during the month of September; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, in coordination with city and county emergency managers and other governmental and non-governmental agencies, educational institutions, and Federal agencies, will provide disaster preparedness and prevention information to citizens throughout Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 2004, to be

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idaho citizens to assess their home and work environments for risk reduction in the event of a natural or man-caused life threatening event or large scale disaster, and I further urge every school to discuss the damaging effects of life threatening events and large scale disasters as well as prevention and preparedness techniques to lessen their effects.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE